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EXAMINING GROUP 1771

In re application of : **C nfirmati n No. 3424**
Alastair Hugh SERVANTE et al. : Docket No. 98-0754A
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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 15, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 17 to 24, cancel without prejudice to subject matter thereof.

Kindly amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (Amended) A film printable with UV curable inks, said film comprising a substrate and at least a surface layer, said layer covering at least one face of said substrate and consisting essentially of 10 to 98% by weight of a water-dispersible polymer that provides a smooth film surface for printing and 2 to 90% by weight of an ethylenically unsaturated compound that plasticizes said layer, said ethylenically unsaturated compound selected from polyfunctional acrylates resulting from the esterification of a polyol with (meth)acrylic acid or polyallyl derivatives, whereby said surface layer does not contain an addition polymerization photoinitiator and said ethylenically unsaturated compound does not react with said water-dispersible polymer when said layer is irradiated with UV radiation.